# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# COMMUNICATIONS
# LOK SABHA

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ILLEGAL TELEPHONE EXCHANGES
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether an illegal telephone exchange being run in Delhi and Gurgaon has been unearthed on March 20, 2001;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to check such malpractices in future?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) & (b): An illegal setup for passing incoming international voice calls by-passing the Gateway of Videsh Sanchar Nigam Ltd. (VSNL) was unearthed on 20.03.2001 in Gurgaon. Incoming voice calls were being received through Very Small Aperture Terminal (VSAT) and associated equipments and were being distributed to various subscribers through local telephone lines of Gurgaon Telephone Exchange.

(c) To check such malpractices instructions have already been issued to keep a watch on premises where VSAT antenna (Satellite Disc Antenna) are installed and bulk telephone lines are taken.